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## ABSTRACT

2       A method for selecting color for a dental prosthesis, preferably for achieving a  
3 desirable cosmetic effect. The method includes: determining a skin color from a first  
4 pantone of colors; determining a eye color from a second pantone of colors; selecting a  
5 shape of the dental prosthesis; and correlating the skin color, the eye color and the shape  
6 to a particular color for the dental prosthesis. In one embodiment, the first pantone of  
7 colors is based on a predetermined selection of patient skin colors and a predetermined  
8 selection of patient skin complexions, and the second pantone of colors is based on a  
9 predetermined selection of patient eye colors. In one illustrative embodiment a  
10 percentage of a particular pantone color is utilized to achieve the desired cosmetic effect.  
11 Further the method may be carried out on a computer or over a computer network to  
12 provide a modified digital image of the patient to illustrate the cosmetic effect of a  
13 specific selection.

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